

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY GENERATING A  
TERRAIN MODEL FOR DISPLAY DURING FLIGHT SIMULATION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5       A method and apparatus are provided for automatically generating a terrain  
model for display during a simulated flight along a predefined mission route. The  
apparatus includes a mission profiler that automatically determines the area  
containing the mission route for which the terrain source data is required and the  
respective resolution of different regions within the area. The apparatus also  
10      includes an apparatus for automatically collecting the terrain source data including  
a search engine for automatically searching electronic collections of terrain source  
data to identify terrain source data covering the area containing the mission route.  
The apparatus also includes an image engine for processing the terrain source data  
into one or more predefined formats and a terrain engine for automatically  
15      compiling the processed data to create a terrain model for display during flight  
simulation.

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